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Warren M. Farnworth

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FOR FORMING SOLDER BALLS

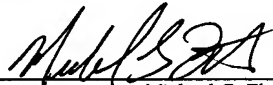
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July 30, 2003	
Date	Michael G. Fletcher

Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

This is a Request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/342,955, filed on 01/15/03, entitled **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING SOLDER BALLS** in the name of **Warren M. Farnworth**.

The following are enclosed:

1.   X   Papers which the undersigned declares to be a true copy of the prior application as originally filed, including a Title page, an 11 page disclosure, 13 pages of claims, a 1 page abstract of the disclosure, 3 sheets of informal drawings, and a Declaration signed by the inventor.
2.   X   The Commissioner is authorized to charge the filing fee as calculated below, less any claims canceled by amendment below, and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 13-3092; Order No. MICS:0035—3/FLE (97-1008.03).
- 3.a.   X   A copy of the Election and Power of Attorney in the prior application.  
or
- 3.b.        A new Power of Attorney.
4.   X   An Assignment of record for the prior application.
5.   X   Three (3) sets of formal drawings, each set consisting of 3 sheets.
- 6.a.        A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed.

or

6.b. \_\_\_\_\_ A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in a parent application and small entity status is still proper and desired in this continuing application.

7.   X   An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.

  X   Please address all correspondence in connection with this application to **Michael G. Fletcher, Fletcher Yoder, P.O. Box 692289, Houston, Texas 77269-2289; telephone (281) 970-4545.**

  X   Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/342,955 filed January 15, 2003, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/210,517 filed December 11, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,523,736 on February 25, 2003.--**

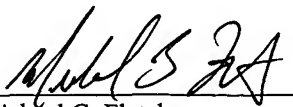
  X   Cancel in this application original claims **1-34 and 36-53** of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims originally filed in the prior application, and any claims canceled or added by amendment.

CLAIMS	FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS	13	- 20 =		X \$ 18.00 \$ 0
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	- 3 =		X \$ 78.00 0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (If applicable)			+ 260.00	
				BASIC FEE	750.00
				Total of above Calculations =	750.00
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				TOTAL =	\$ 750.00

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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